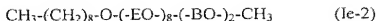


The elected species is disclosed at pages 15 and 30-39 of the above-captioned application as filed. Claims 1, 2, and 5-25 read on this compound. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim hereto is found allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

In addition, the Office requests that Applicants elect a single "penetrant" species for search purposes. Applicants provisionally elect the following compound, known as Formula 1e-2, for search purposes:



in which

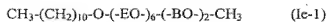
EO is $\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$,

BO is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\text{CH}}-\text{O}-$, and

the numbers 8 and 2 represent average values.

The elected species is disclosed at pages 20-21 and 30-39 of the above-captioned application as filed. Claims 1-10, 15, 17, 19, and 20-25 read on this compound. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim hereto is found allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

In the event that the Office permits the election of two penetrant species for search purposes, Applicants would also like to provisionally elect the following compound, known as Formula 1e-1, for search purposes:



in which

EO is $\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$,

BO is $\text{---CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-\text{O---}$ and

the numbers 6 and 2 represent average values.


The elected species is disclosed at pages 20-21, 30-31, and 34-37 of the above-captioned application as filed. Claims 1-10, 15, 17, 18, and 20-25 read on this compound. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim hereto is found allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Election of Species Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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